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RHENIUM-CONTAINING PROTECTIVE LAYER FOR PROTECTING A
COMPONENT AGAINST CORROSION AND OXIDATION AT HIGH
TEMPERATURES

described and claimed in the foregoing specification; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed application No. 10/279,580, filed October 24, 2002; that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56; that, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application under 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate of this invention has been filed earlier than the following in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns:

European Application No. 011 25 260.8, filed October 24, 2001, the International Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119;

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